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A beggar might patch up a garment with such *shreds* as the world throws away.

2. A fragment.
They said they were an hungry; sigh'd forth proverbs,
That hunger broke stone walls; that dogs must eat:
And with these *shreds* they vented their complainings. *Shak.*
Shreds of wit and fenceless rhimes
Blunder'd out a thousand times.

SHREW. *n. f.* [*schreien*, German, to clamour.] A peevish, malignant, clamorous, spiteful, vexatious, turbulent woman. [It appears in *Robert of Gloucester*, that this word signified anciently any one perverse or obstinate of either sex.]
There dote of him vor hunger a thousand and mo,
And yat nolle the *shrewen* to none pes go. *Robert of Gloucester.*

Be merry, my wife has all;
For women are *shrews* both short and tall. *Shak. H. IV.*
By this reckoning he is more *shrew* than she. *Shakespeare.*
A man had got a *shrew* to his wife, and there could be no quiet in the house for her. *L'Estrange.*
Her fallow cheeks her envious mind did shew,
And ev'ry feature spoke aloud the *shrew*. *Dryden.*

Every one of them, who is a *shrew* in domestick life, is now become a scold in politics.
SHREW. *adj.* [Contracted from *shrewed*.]
1. Having the qualities of a shrew; malicious; troublesome; mischievous.

Her eldest sister is so curst and *shrewd*,
That 'till the father rids his hands of her,
Your love must live a maid. *Shakespeare.*
2. Maliciously; cunning; more artful than good.

It was a *shrewd* saying of the old monk, that two kind of prisons would serve for all offenders, an inquisition and a bedlam: if any man should deny the being of a God, and the immortality of the soul, such a one should be put into the first, as being a desperate heretic; but if any man should profess to believe these things, and yet allow himself in any known wickedness, such a one should be put into bedlam. *Tillotson.*
A spiteful saying gratifies so many little passions, that it meets with a good reception; and the man who utters it is looked upon as a *shrewd* satirist. *Addison.*
Corruption proceeds from employing those who have the character of *shrewd* worldly men, instead of such as have had a liberal education, and trained up in virtue. *Addison.*

3. Bad; ill-betokening.
Scarce any man passes to a liking of sin in others, but by first practising it himself; and consequently we may take it for a *shrewd* indication, and sign, whereby to judge of those who have sinned with too much caution, to suffer the world to charge sins directly upon their conversation. *South's Sermons.*
4. Painful; pinching; dangerous; mischievous.

Every of this number,
That have endur'd *shrewd* nights and days with us,
Shall share the good of our returned fortune. *Shakespeare.*
When a man thinks he has a servant, he finds a traitor that eats his bread, and is readier to do him a mischief, and a *shrewd* turn, than an open adversary. *South's Sermons.*
No enemy is so despicable but he may do a body a *shrewd* turn. *L'Estrange.*

SHREWDLY. *adv.* [from *shrewd*.]
1. Mischievously; destructively.
This practice hath most *shrewdly* past upon thee. *Shakespeare.*
At Oxford, his youth and want of experience in maritime service, had somewhat been *shrewdly* touched, even before the sluices of popular liberty were set open. *Wotton.*

2. Vexatiously. It is used commonly of slight mischief, or in ironical expression.
The obstinate and schismatical are like to think themselves *shrewdly* hurt, forsooth, by being cut off from that body which they choose not to be of. *South's Sermons.*
This last allusion rubb'd upon the fore;
Yet seem'd the not to winch, tho' *shrewdly* pain'd. *Dryden.*

3. With strong suspicion.
Four per cent. encreases not the number of lenders; as any man at first hearing will *shrewdly* suspect it. *Locke.*
SHREWDSNESS. *n. f.* [from *shrewd*.]
1. Sly cunning; archness.
Her garboiles, which not wanted *shrewdsness* of policy too, did you too much disquiet. *Shakespeare.*
The neighbours round admire his *shrewdsness*,
For songs of loyalty and lewdness. *Swift.*

2. Mischievousness; petulance.
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Angelo, you must excuse us;
My wife is *shrewish* when I keep not hours. *Shakespeare.*

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It cannot be, this weak and writhled *shrimp*
Should strike such terror in his enemies. *Shakespeare.*
He hath found,
Within the ground,
At last, no *shrimp*,
Whereon to imp
His jolly club. *Ben. Jonson.*

SHRINE. *n. f.* [*scin*, Saxon; *scrinium*, Latin.] A case in which something sacred is repositied.
You living powers enclos'd in stately *shrines*
Of growing trees; you rural gods that wield
Your scepters here, if to your cares divine
A voice may come, which troubled soul doth yield. *Sidney.*
All the world come
To kiss this *shrine*, this mortal breathing faint. *Shakespeare.*
Come offer at my *shrine* and I will help thee. *Shakespeare.*
They often plac'd
Within his sanctu'ry itself their *shrines*,
Abominations! and with curst things
His holy rites profan'd.
His holy rites profan'd!
He thus implo'r'd her pow'r.
Lovers are in rapture at the name of their fair idol; they lavish out all their incense upon that *shrine*, and cannot bear the thought of admitting a blemish therein. *Watts.*

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The fires but faintly lick'd their prey,
Then loath'd their impious food, and would have *shrunk*
away. *Dryden.*

Fall on: behold a noble beast at bay,
And the vile huntmen *shrunk*. *Dryden.*
Inuring children to suffer some pain, without *shrinking*, is
a way to gain firmness and courage. *Locke.*
What happier natures *shrunk* at with affright,
The hard inhabitant contends is right. *Pope.*

To SHRINK. *v. a.* participate pass' *shrunk*, *shrank*, or *shrunken*.
To make to shrink. Not in use.
O mighty Caesar! dost thou lye so low?
Are all thy conquests, glories